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MEMORANDA.

Population.—The latest estimate of the population shows that the enlarged rate of increase, apparent last year, is still maintained. During the first three months of 1906 the total increase was 8,650, or at the rate of 2·3 per cent. per annum. Of this increase, 6,015 was due to excess of births, and 2,635 to excess of immigration. During the quarter the population passed $1\frac{1}{2}$ millions.

Trade.—The imports during April were valued at £2,564,161, which is £573,597 more than the corresponding month of last year. For the first four months there was an increase of £804,679, as compared with last year. The direct oversea imports during the month amounted to £1,326,092, as compared with £888,075 in April, 1905. During the four months there was a falling-off in tobacco, dried fruits, and gold, while increases were shown in apparel and soft goods, drugs, metals, and machinery.

The oversea exports for April amounted to £1,875,781, and for the first four months to £9,844,472, which show increases of £724,462 and £3,106,806 respectively, compared with the corresponding periods of last year. There were increases in all the principal articles, especially butter, wool, and gold. Wheat, however, shows a falling-off.

Banks of Issue.—The banking averages for the quarter ended 31st March show that the advances are now smaller than at any time during the last ten years, while the deposits have never been exceeded. At the end of the quarter the deposits exceeded the advances by £7,298,332, there having been during the three months a decrease in advances of £842,950, and an increase in deposits of £1,831,985. Current accounts increased by £1,217,388 compared with the corresponding quarter of 1905; deposits were £3,356,507 greater, reserves of coin and bullion were £1,770,017 greater, while, on the other hand, advances were £376,557 less. The total bank clearances in Sydney during the quarter amounted to £69,535,926, an increase of £10,581,867 as compared with the corresponding quarter of 1905.

Railways.—The report on Railways and Tramways for the quarter ended 31st March indicates a remarkable degree of prosperity. Compared with the corresponding quarter of 1905, the net earnings show an increase of £100,011, and during the first nine months of the financial year the net gain amounted to £346,397. In all branches of traffic, but especially the goods, there has been a great improvement. Relatively, during the nine months the net earnings increased by over 30 per cent. In working expenses the increase was only 3 per cent., notwithstanding a large addition to the train mileage.

Gold Production.—The gold yield during the first four months of the year was valued at £436,336, and showed an increase of £110,160 over the yield during the corresponding period of last year.

Prices.—The general index number for April was slightly higher than in March, and was the highest for five years, being over 25 per cent. higher than in 1901. The index number for pastoral produce was 1,324; for metals, 1,393; and for all articles, 1,262. During the month tin and copper advanced greatly, while the other articles remained practically stationary.

Meteorology.—During the first half of the month rain was general, but light, over the north-eastern half of the State. During the second half, the rain was fairly evenly distributed over the whole State, but still lightly. Generally, the falls during the month were below the average.

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No. 1.—Population.

Year.	Estimated Population at end of Year.			Annual Increase.		Mean Population.
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Numerical.	Per cent.	
1895	672,520	589,750	1,262,270	23,020	1'86	1,250,760
1896	680,185	598,785	1,278,970	16,700	1'32	1,270,620
1897	692,090	609,690	1,301,780	22,810	1'78	1,290,375
1898	701,815	621,315	1,323,130	21,350	1'64	1,312,455
1899	710,520	633,560	1,344,080	20,950	1'58	1,333,605
1900	718,995	645,595	1,364,590	20,510	1'53	1,354,335
1901	723,035	656,496	1,379,531	14,941	1'09	1,372,060
1902	740,775	666,846	1,407,621	28,090	2'04	1,393,622
1903	754,632	676,997	1,431,629	24,008	1'70	1,422,803
1904	773,234	688,299	1,461,533	29,904	2'09	1,446,440
1905	794,400	701,650	1,496,050	34,517	2'36	1,478,600
31st March, 1906	799,260	705,440	1,504,700	.....	.....	.....

No. 2.—Marriages, Births, and Deaths.

Year	Marriages.	Births.		Deaths.		Excess of Births over Deaths.	
		Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Numerical.	Per 1,000 of Population.
1895	8,030	19,877	18,897	8,671	6,243	23,860	19'07
1896	8,495	18,691	17,815	9,256	6,583	20,667	16'27
1897	8,813	18,989	18,258	8,314	5,950	22,983	17'81
1898	8,888	18,723	17,499	9,636	7,025	19,561	14'90
1899	9,275	18,613	17,848	9,131	6,770	20,560	15'42
1900	9,996	18,964	18,182	8,951	6,167	22,028	16'26
1901	10,538	19,149	18,726	9,327	6,694	21,854	15'93
1902	10,486	19,322	18,513	9,535	7,111	21,189	15'20
1903	9,759	18,377	17,589	9,428	7,069	19,469	13'68
1904	10,422	19,857	18,810	8,733	6,627	23,307	16'11
1905	10,941	20,261	19,311	8,715	6,265	24,592	16'63
Jan. to Mar., 1906	2,824	5,016	4,754	2,182	1,573	6,015	.....
Jan. to Mar., 1905...	2,806	4,851	4,779	2,131	1,530	.....	.....

No. 3.—Movement of Population.

Year	Arrivals.					Departures.				
	By Sea.		By Land.		Total.	By Sea.		By Land.		Total.
	Males.	Females	Males.	Females		Males.	Females	Males.	Females	
1895	49,213	26,838	36,770	21,305	134,126	48,331	23,797	39,423	23,415	134,966
1896	40,683	21,950	41,290	23,456	127,379	44,429	23,458	39,314	24,145	131,346
1897	44,780	22,236	45,357	25,992	138,365	43,039	22,572	45,868	27,059	138,538
1898	49,186	26,340	44,340	25,600	145,466	46,945	24,453	45,943	26,336	143,677
1899	49,960	27,074	46,358	25,625	149,617	47,817	23,746	49,278	28,386	149,227
1900	45,585	23,198	51,783	30,747	151,313	45,259	21,931	53,647	31,994	152,831
1901	50,234	25,905	56,341	31,132	163,612	44,332	25,168	68,025	33,000	170,525
1902	54,942	26,249	52,128	27,381	160,700	42,085	25,407	57,032	29,275	153,799
1903	46,121	24,449	54,320	27,464	152,354	39,529	24,097	56,004	28,185	147,815
1904	48,700	24,278	54,994	28,287	156,259	39,492	24,128	56,724	29,318	149,662
1905	47,877	26,280	62,987	35,142	172,286	38,904	24,770	62,340	36,347	162,361
Jan. to Mar., 1906...	12,056	7,634	16,155	10,384	46,229	11,112	7,728	15,073	9,681	43,594
Jan. to Mar., 1905 ...	13,467	7,760	13,517	8,080	42,824	11,577	7,728	12,761	8,340	40,406

No. 4.—Countries whence Immigrants arrived.

Year.	Other Australian States.		United Kingdom.	New Zealand.	Other Countries.	Total.
	By Land.	By Sea.				
1900	82,530	45,962	4,857	9,770	8,194	151,313
1901	87,473	46,982	4,579	13,706	10,872	163,612
1902	79,509	46,899	4,864	13,161	16,267	160,700
1903	81,784	42,529	4,249	2,868	10,924	152,354
1904	83,281	42,910	4,842	14,314	10,912	156,259
1905	98,129	44,302	4,859	15,093	9,903	172,286
Jan. to Mar., 1906...	26,539	12,288	1,086	4,396	1,920	46,229
Jan. to Mar., 1905 ...	21,597	12,977	1,093	4,264	2,893	42,824

No. 5.—Countries for which Emigrants departed.

Year.	Other Australian States.		United Kingdom.	New Zealand.	Other Countries.	Total
	By Land.	By Sea.				
1900	85,641	42,863	5,798	9,477	9,052	152,831
1901	101,025	43,426	5,221	12,159	8,694	170,525
1902	86,307	36,540	5,956	12,803	12,193	153,799
1903	84,189	34,909	5,136	13,204	10,377	147,815
1904	86,042	35,920	5,837	12,782	9,081	149,662
1905	98,687	36,762	5,501	12,310	9,101	162,361
Jan. to Mar., 1906...	24,754	11,249	1,781	3,292	2,518	43,594
Jan. to Mar., 1905 ...	21,101	11,296	1,917	3,798	2,294	40,406

No. 6.—Principal Articles Imported, 1905 and 1904.

Article.	1905.			1904.		
	Interstate.	Oversea.	Total.	Interstate.	Oversea.	Total.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Ale and Beer	34,961	116,911	151,872	35,729	134,312	170,041
Animals, living	1,423,942	35,299	1,459,241	1,775,340	32,612	1,807,952
Apparel and Attire	327,048	775,524	1,102,572	294,614	742,373	1,036,987
Piece Goods	244,312	2,432,180	2,676,492	205,866	2,278,201	2,484,067
Boots and Shoes	186,882	124,897	311,779	187,993	142,649	330,642
Cordage and Twines	33,156	157,411	190,567	33,893	170,273	204,166
Drugs and Chemicals	21,220	157,228	178,448	18,081	116,588	134,669
Fish—all kinds	21,743	84,204	105,947	26,738	92,929	119,667
Fruits and Vegetables	385,114	68,084	453,198	389,881	62,112	451,993
Furniture	32,040	81,809	113,849	25,318	80,816	106,134
Glass and Glassware	22,567	94,720	117,287	24,585	108,724	133,309
Gold—Coined and uncoined	3,550,994	939,715	4,490,709	3,947,861	518,142	4,466,003
Hats and Caps	53,963	183,809	237,772	52,808	173,894	226,702
Implements, &c., Agricultural	174,732	89,293	264,025	164,633	148,375	313,008
Iron and Steel—Bar, Rod, &c.	15,036	221,970	237,006	20,495	183,575	204,070
Galvanized Sheet	31,588	251,912	283,500	25,249	234,267	259,516
Leather	95,153	109,552	204,705	76,329	117,980	194,309
Machines and Machinery	169,156	763,919	933,075	139,556	678,955	818,511
Metal Manufactures—Free	60,347	521,993	582,340	39,690	327,280	366,970
Dutiable	109,560	401,124	510,684	93,764	364,480	458,244
Oil—Kerosene	11,441	128,776	140,217	11,292	120,224	131,516
Spirits—all kinds	68,486	327,948	396,434	70,169	263,774	333,943
Sugar	622,446	111,110	733,556	612,157	83,619	695,776
Tea	38,438	335,432	373,870	36,760	351,315	388,075
Timber	165,624	336,698	502,322	143,992	421,623	565,615
Tobacco, Cigars, &c.	124,184	203,415	327,599	132,853	212,831	345,684
Wool	1,129,709	2,438	1,132,147	919,603	2,885	922,488
All other Articles	5,711,669	542,752	11,138,821	4,646,852	4,969,049	9,615,901
Total	£ 14,864,911	14,485,123	29,350,034	14,152,101	13,133,857	27,285,958

No. 7.—Principal Articles Exported, 1905 and 1904.

Article.	1905.				1904.	
	Quantities.		Value.		Value.	
	Interstate.	Oversea.	Interstate.	Oversea.	Interstate.	Oversea.
			£	£	£	£
Animals, living ... ..	.....	.....	2,101,458	144,989	679,114	90,628
Butter lb.	2,287,883	17,153,024	93,947	723,873	59,788	811,820
Coal tons.	1,510,989	1,940,229	772,851	792,751	752,686	724,779
Copper, Ingots, & Matte cwt.	797	380,470	2,851	1,277,748	2,003	868,041
Gold Coin and Bullion ... ..	.....	.....	474,896	2,578,435	302,878	4,929,575
Grain—Wheat cental	694,807	2,710,545	194,256	761,437	208,184	1,415,489
Flour "	316,868	701,075	131,129	258,767	143,109	184,575
Lead—Pig, and Matte ... ..	.....	.....	462,162	610,696	16,271	649,804
Leather ... ..	.....	.....	104,798	339,813	106,148	233,813
Meats—Mutton and lamb lb.	3,211,666	48,707,817	39,734	576,233	8,525	275,227
Rabbits and Hares prs.	.....	3,150,300	1,500	143,768	1,721	54,286
Oil—Cocanut gall	35,171	932,830	4,012	112,401	4,712	140,600
Ores—N.e.i. ... ..	.....	.....	9,200	303,012	17,127	256,510
Silver Bullion, &c. oz.	2,416,627	820,481	191,761	96,517	251	176,348
Silver-lead Bullion ... ..	.....	589,307	.....	572,283	22,966	580,839
*Silver-lead Ore cwt.	260,070	371,149	42,769	152,869	1,490,548	138,605
Skins—Hides No.	76,711	148,474	86,208	162,295	78,401	80,173
Sheep "	379,571	3,199,651	79,190	350,389	43,327	160,466
Rabbit and Hare lb.	317,768	4,246,193	9,004	160,180	9,142	97,381
Other ... ..	.....	.....	2,942	264,214	8,758	161,616
†Spelter, Concentrates, &c. cwt.	7,060,805	247,062	1,306,997	43,946	32,742	46,344
Tallow "	13,312	396,563	11,927	452,403	11,415	268,108
Timber ... ..	.....	.....	29,387	323,878	23,722	185,698
Tin Ingots cwt.	171	66,344	1,238	464,811	903	408,666
Wool—Greasy and Scoured lb.	56,083,721	230,217,131	2,304,925	11,141,335	1,593,627	8,657,131
All other Articles ... ..	.....	.....	3,803,694	1,684,487	4,299,982	1,493,263
Total ... ..	£ .....	.....	12,262,836	24,403,530	9,918,050	23,080,785

No. 8.—Trade.

Year.	Imports.			Exports.		
	Interstate.	Oversea.	Total.	Interstate.	Oversea.	Total.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
1895 ...	6,758,140	9,234,275	15,992,415	7,104,812	14,829,973	21,934,785
1896 ...	8,855,161	11,706,349	20,561,510	7,945,243	15,065,106	23,010,349
1897 ...	8,972,854	12,771,496	21,744,350	7,788,077	15,962,995	23,751,072
1898 ...	11,721,033	12,732,527	23,453,560	8,162,429	19,485,688	27,648,117
1899 ...	10,868,437	14,725,878	25,594,315	8,862,274	19,583,192	28,445,466
1900 ...	10,164,080	17,396,991	27,561,071	9,979,214	18,185,302	28,164,516
1901 ...	9,368,011	17,560,207	26,928,218	9,140,497	18,210,625	27,351,122
1902 ...	10,949,675	15,024,535	25,974,210	7,568,922	15,975,129	23,544,051
1903 ...	12,792,252	13,977,917	26,770,169	7,876,898	18,861,213	26,738,111
1904 ...	14,152,101	13,133,857	27,285,958	9,918,050	23,089,785	33,007,835
1905 ...	14,864,911	14,485,123	29,350,034	12,262,836	24,493,530	36,756,366

No. 9.—Trade Comparison—Imports—Monthly.

Month.	1906.			1905.			Increase (+). Decrease (—).
	Australian Produce.	Oversea Produce.	Total.	Australian Produce.	Oversea Produce.	Total.	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
January ...	742,149	1,093,356	1,835,505	941,863	1,282,597	2,224,460	(—) 388,955
February ...	929,638	1,435,593	2,365,231	1,240,649	1,104,981	2,345,630	(+) 19,601
March ...	888,632	1,796,875	2,685,507	860,476	1,224,595	2,085,071	(+) 600,436
April ...	1,092,111	1,472,050	2,564,161	978,001	1,012,563	1,990,564	(+) 573,597
Total (4 mos.) £	3,652,530	5,797,874	9,450,404	4,020,989	4,624,736	8,645,725	(+) 804,679

No. 10.—Trade Comparison—Exports—Monthly.

Month.	1906.			1905.			Increase (+). Decrease (—).
	Oversea.	Interstate.	Total.	Oversea.	Interstate.	Total.	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
January ...	2,568,357	764,664	3,333,021	1,751,692	697,048	2,448,740	(+) 884,281
February ...	3,171,497	804,766	3,976,263	2,272,249	749,952	3,022,201	(+) 954,062
March ...	2,229,184	743,473	2,972,657	1,562,406	693,541	2,255,947	(+) 716,710
April ...	1,875,781	*	.....	1,151,319	652,983	1,804,302	(+) 724,462†
Total (4 mos.) £	9,844,819	.....	.....	6,737,666	2,793,524	9,531,190	(+) 3,107,153†

* The figures for April are not yet available.

† Oversea only.

No. 11.—Principal Articles Imported during April, and during the four months—
January to April.

Article.	1906.			1905.		
	Australian Produce.	Oversea Produce.	Total.	Australian Produce.	Oversea Produce.	Total.
April.						
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Ale and Beer	1,477	1,420	2,897	2,046	4,821	6,867
Animals	246,118	2,932	249,050	76,979	2,952	79,931
Apparel and Soft Goods	37,801	334,714	372,515	31,178	301,427	332,605
Boots and Shoes	15,150	9,900	25,050	13,126	11,413	24,539
Cordage and Twines	2,325	16,109	18,434	1,724	12,073	13,797
Drugs and Chemicals	4,295	28,875	33,170	1,995	16,125	18,120
Fish—all kinds	524	7,918	8,442	459	4,056	4,515
Fruits—Dried	2,093	2,903	4,996	5,732	1,386	7,118
Fresh	22,629	6,936	29,565	25,986	661	26,647
Furniture	1,244	6,598	7,842	2,204	6,369	8,573
Glass and Glassware	994	13,707	14,701	436	6,434	6,870
Gold—Coined and Uncoined	158,624	100,421	259,045	373,503	106,697	480,200
Grain—Rice ... ..	.....	19,503	19,503	.....	4,666	4,666
Hats and Caps	3,870	14,418	18,288	2,863	7,962	10,825
Implements—Agricultural	10,511	11,134	21,645	7,918	8,464	16,382
Iron and Steel—Bar, Rod, Pig, &c.	414	26,394	26,808	258	7,207	7,465
Galvanized Sheet ... ..	.....	34,273	34,273	.....	24,846	24,846
Leather	9,289	10,483	19,772	4,156	6,347	10,504
Machines and Machinery	9,628	78,242	87,870	4,292	37,144	41,136
Metal Manufactures—Free	396	82,872	83,268	608	33,445	34,053
Dutiable	7,601	51,531	59,132	3,820	31,231	35,051
Oil—Kerosene ... ..	.....	5,472	5,472	.....	7,421	7,421
Spirits	3,505	43,362	46,867	1,302	14,824	16,126
Sugar	21,250	192	21,442	13,769	2,466	16,235
Tea ... ..	.....	24,275	24,275	.....	27,191	27,191
Timber	6,228	58,053	64,281	4,440	28,687	33,127
Tobacco, Cigars, &c.	11,586	15,057	26,643	6,992	12,130	19,122
Wine	4,899	3,831	8,730	2,247	3,428	5,675
Wool	48,233	180	48,413	56,032	181	56,210
Other Articles	461,427	460,345	921,772	333,936	280,505	614,441
Total	£ 1,092,111	1,472,050	2,564,161	978,601	1,012,563	1,990,564

January to April.

Ale and Beer	5,261	35,471	40,732	8,868	43,281	52,149
Animals	336,204	12,271	348,475	207,769	7,520	215,289
Apparel and Soft Goods	115,121	1,506,068	1,621,189	114,803	1,346,368	1,461,171
Boots and Shoes	59,449	46,811	97,260	45,732	41,934	86,766
Cordage and Twines	6,553	77,402	83,955	7,069	60,664	67,733
Drugs and Chemicals	13,680	93,632	107,312	4,344	52,996	57,340
Fish—all kinds	1,419	63,327	64,746	1,839	42,205	44,044
Fruits—Dried	4,428	9,932	14,360	10,173	7,336	17,509
Fresh	62,538	26,742	89,280	102,575	5,924	108,499
Furniture	6,449	21,120	27,569	7,008	23,141	30,149
Glass and Glassware	3,522	42,676	46,198	2,745	30,619	33,364
Gold—Coined and Uncoined	701,004	468,812	1,169,816	1,562,056	332,316	1,894,402
Grain—Rice ... ..	.....	45,986	45,986	1,459	28,802	31,261
Hats and Caps	14,594	60,314	74,908	11,144	39,004	50,148
Implements—Agricultural	33,244	40,581	73,825	33,544	48,360	81,904
Iron and Steel—Bar, Rod, &c.	762	109,091	109,853	426	53,278	53,704
Galvanized Sheet	6	130,282	130,288	.....	90,953	90,953
Leather	28,114	48,811	76,925	20,071	30,821	50,892
Machines and Machinery	25,428	293,191	318,619	18,988	203,976	222,964
Metal Manufactures—Free	2,417	266,527	268,944	2,990	165,722	168,712
Dutiable	22,856	169,508	192,444	17,124	148,883	166,007
Oil—Kerosene ... ..	.....	35,158	35,158	.....	63,499	63,499
Spirits	9,232	127,400	136,722	6,406	113,957	120,363
Sugar	195,155	13,282	208,438	92,376	25,112	117,488
Tea ... ..	.....	122,742	122,742	.....	112,517	112,517
Timber	30,749	181,429	211,478	24,920	147,911	172,831
Tobacco, Cigars, &c.	52,678	87,255	139,933	28,647	51,550	80,197
Wine	12,642	14,038	26,680	8,827	10,982	19,809
Wool	298,346	783	299,129	264,173	1,862	266,035
Other Articles	1,620,378	1,647,062	3,267,440	1,414,913	1,294,013	2,708,926
Total	£ 3,652,530	5,797,874	9,450,404	4,020,989	4,624,736	8,645,725

No. 12.—Principal Articles Exported Oversea during April, and during the four months—January to April.

Article.	1906.				1905.			
	Quantity.		Value.		Quantity.		Value.	
	Australian Produce.	Total.	Australian Produce.	Total.	Australian Produce.	Total.	Australian Produce.	Total.
April.								
Animals—Horses ... No.	141	141	£ 5,941	£ 5,941	1,711	1,711	£ 25,553	£ 25,553
Butter ... lb.	1,956,490	1,956,490	71,706	71,706	480,368	480,368	21,850	21,850
Coal ... ton	129,712	129,712	55,237	55,237	173,818	173,818	72,693	72,693
Copper ... cwt.	26,454	26,454	105,688	105,688	23,281	23,281	74,458	74,458
Fruits—Fresh ... cntl.	965	1,097	516	646	2,078	2,272	1,079	1,253
Gold—Coined, Uncoined	.....	.....	591,341	598,745	.....	.....	115,753	115,753
Grain—Wheat... bshl.	541,003	541,003	90,705	90,705	308,476	308,476	83,785	83,785
Flour ... ton	3,748	3,748	26,609	26,609	1,621	1,622	13,202	13,213
Lead ... cwt.	77,744	77,744	57,075	57,075	61,725	61,725	34,389	34,389
Leather ...	.....	.....	21,339	21,870	.....	.....	21,335	22,934
Meats—Beef ... lb.	41,192	41,192	500	500	32,293	32,293	337	337
Mutton & Lamb ,,	601,757	601,757	6,268	6,268	875,599	875,599	9,120	9,120
Rabbits & Hares pair	95,316	95,316	4,246	4,246	83,900	83,900	2,447	2,447
Meat—Preserved ... lb.	142,991	143,171	2,828	2,831	217,913	219,437	4,463	4,500
Oil—Cocoanut ... ton	300	301	8,577	8,586	240	340	8,220	8,220
Ores ...	.....	.....	45,222	45,222	.....	.....	40,789	40,827
Silver Bullion ... oz.	25,850	165,056	3,425	19,512	47,066	47,066	5,158	5,158
Silver-lead Bullion ... cwt.	44,108	44,108	39,698	39,698	57,578	57,578	51,551	51,551
Skins—Hides ... No.	3,913	3,913	3,468	3,468	5,304	5,304	5,137	5,137
Sheep ... ,,	188,486	188,486	27,515	27,515	197,138	197,138	19,961	19,961
Rabbit & Hare... lb.	531,685	531,685	21,309	21,309	140,764	140,764	3,555	3,555
Other ...	.....	.....	10,195	10,195	.....	.....	11,689	11,689
Tallow ... cwt.	33,543	33,543	41,729	41,729	17,695	17,695	19,657	19,657
Timber ...	.....	.....	20,124	21,700	.....	.....	22,957	24,000
Tin ... cwt.	4,584	4,584	40,502	40,502	5,129	5,129	34,056	34,056
Wine ... gal.	1,147	1,391	413	687	1,621	1,937	423	818
Wool ... lb.	6,582,561	6,582,561	423,683	423,683	3,783,207	3,783,207	137,317	137,317
Other Articles ...	.....	.....	50,071	123,908	.....	.....	245,589	307,388
Total ... £	.....	.....	1,775,930	1,875,781	.....	.....	1,087,123	1,151,319
January to April.								
Animals—Horses ... No.	763	764	23,173	23,673	2,117	2,117	34,694	34,694
Butter ... lb.	9,415,840	9,415,840	386,042	386,042	7,135,744	7,135,744	280,744	280,747
Coal ... ton	512,778	512,778	214,726	214,726	528,388	528,388	225,253	225,253
Copper ... cwt.	99,800	99,800	370,940	370,940	99,587	99,587	323,563	323,563
Fruits—Fresh ... cntl.	7,339	8,170	4,393	5,224	9,465	10,882	5,847	7,317
Gold—Coined, Uncoined	.....	.....	1,657,872	1,785,732	.....	.....	803,122	803,122
Grain—Wheat... bshl.	3,343,287	3,343,287	544,607	544,607	3,455,191	3,455,191	614,003	614,003
Flour ... ton	15,177	15,179	113,276	113,294	7,496	7,529	63,124	63,456
Lead ... cwt.	299,397	299,397	222,963	222,963	301,135	301,135	168,896	168,896
Leather ...	.....	.....	81,556	83,503	.....	.....	61,637	63,376
Meats—Beef ... lb.	2,215,480	2,215,480	23,700	23,700	315,911	315,911	3,250	3,250
Mutton & Lamb ,,	15,209,858	15,209,858	156,419	156,419	6,770,939	6,770,939	74,870	74,870
Rabbits & Hares pair	661,206	661,206	27,573	27,573	265,484	265,484	7,581	7,581
Meat—Preserved ... lb.	1,243,874	1,245,226	26,227	26,265	1,253,346	1,257,690	26,823	26,935
Oil—Cocoanut... ton	1,965	1,966	48,283	48,292	2,088	2,088	50,450	50,450
Ores ...	.....	.....	230,197	230,202	.....	.....	141,960	141,998
Silver Bullion ... oz.	327,455	534,083	40,407	65,497	252,534	260,669	28,668	29,618
Silver-lead Bullion ... cwt.	228,786	228,786	227,795	227,795	220,375	220,375	189,808	189,808
Skins—Hides ... No.	30,963	30,967	32,087	32,087	37,090	37,090	34,953	34,953
Sheep ... ,,	1,317,094	1,317,094	156,159	156,159	844,338	844,338	102,138	102,138
Rabbit & Hare... lb.	1,720,334	1,720,334	57,487	57,487	304,267	304,267	7,386	7,386
Other ...	.....	.....	79,591	79,591	.....	.....	44,261	44,261
Tallow ... cwt.	135,952	135,952	166,466	166,466	86,264	86,264	95,258	95,258
Timber ...	.....	.....	94,183	99,703	.....	.....	89,883	93,557
Tin ... cwt.	27,884	27,884	229,654	229,654	16,594	16,594	108,632	108,632
Wine ... gal.	15,670	16,832	3,590	5,033	7,178	7,485	1,936	3,610
Wool ... lb.	72,492,131	72,492,131	3,982,635	3,982,635	55,857,677	55,857,677	2,506,059	2,506,059
Other Articles ...	.....	.....	229,222	479,557	.....	.....	399,454	632,875
Total ... £	.....	.....	9,431,223	9,844,819	.....	.....	6,494,253	6,737,666

*.—The difference between the value of Australian produce exported and the total export represents the value of produce of overseas origin re-exported.

No. 13.—Outward Interstate Transfers during March, and during the three months, January to March.

NOTE.—The figures for April, 1906, are not yet available.

Article.	1906.			1905.		
	Australian Produce.	Oversea Produce.	Total.	Australian Produce.	Oversea Produce.	Total.
March.						
Animals—Live	£ 106,839	£	£ 106,839	£ 67,961	£	£ 67,961
Apparel and Soft Goods	14,268	29,577	43,845	13,975	23,229	37,204
Biscuits	3,092	10	3,102	2,815	6	2,821
Boots and Shoes—Leather	10,054	527	10,581	8,532	1,123	9,655
Butter	9,533	3	9,536	4,778	.....	4,778
Cement	1,668	79	1,747	2,826	86	2,912
Coal	66,411	.....	66,411	78,161	.....	78,161
Fruits—Fresh	5,516	1,567	7,083	6,486	568	7,054
Gold—Coined and Uncoined	3,657	.....	3,657	42,000	.....	42,000
Grain—Wheat	21,069	.....	21,069	6,770	1	6,771
Flour	13,706	116	13,822	8,411	147	8,558
Hats and Caps	2,249	1,580	3,829	2,156	1,503	3,719
Leather	7,531	5,612	13,143	9,210	4,849	14,059
Metal Manufactures—Dutiable	4,863	3,440	8,303	2,370	4,745	7,115
Free	659	2,568	3,227	1,013	1,431	2,444
Potatoes	4,331	.....	4,331	4,461	.....	4,461
Skins and Hides	10,782	.....	10,782	10,032	.....	10,032
Soap	4,069	3	4,072	3,798	325	4,123
Spelter, Concentrates, &c.	16,163	.....	16,163	145,481	.....	145,481
Spirits	1,381	5,667	7,048	585	4,208	4,793
Sugar	20,757	1,163	21,920	27,225	1,230	28,455
Tea ... ..	.....	6,885	6,885	.....	8,195	8,195
Timber	1,948	168	2,116	753	170	923
Tobacco, Cigars, &c.	14,022	1,999	16,021	12,536	3,216	15,752
Wool... ..	7,542	.....	7,542	.....	.....	.....
Other Articles	246,187	84,212	330,399	89,781	86,333	176,114
Total	£ 598,297	£ 145,176	£ 743,473	£ 552,116	£ 141,425	£ 693,541
January to March.						
Animals—Live	314,537	100	314,637	239,086	.....	239,086
Apparel and Soft Goods	31,722	67,000	98,722	31,264	64,695	95,959
Biscuits	8,868	22	8,890	7,789	17	7,806
Boots and Shoes—Leather... ..	21,194	1,707	22,901	24,388	2,087	26,475
Butter	11,637	4	11,641	6,357	4	6,361
Cement	4,232	122	4,354	8,078	141	8,219
Coal	182,837	.....	182,837	176,469	.....	176,469
Fruits—Fresh	14,547	3,312	17,859	15,773	1,653	17,426
Gold—Coined and Uncoined	20,258	.....	20,258	177,107	5,008	182,115
Grain—Wheat	184,575	.....	184,575	120,133	1	120,134
Flour	33,858	209	34,067	29,238	428	29,666
Hats and Caps	5,002	4,971	9,973	4,972	3,931	8,903
Leather	19,388	12,201	31,589	20,685	10,559	31,244
Metal Manufactures—Dutiable	12,851	9,558	22,409	6,976	9,248	16,224
Free	2,445	7,515	9,960	3,415	5,812	9,227
Potatoes	12,836	.....	12,836	8,065	.....	8,065
Skins and Hides	27,426	.....	27,426	31,732	.....	31,732
Soap	12,873	11	12,884	11,590	751	12,341
Spelter, Concentrates, &c.	48,844	.....	48,844	422,388	42	422,430
Spirits	4,029	14,550	18,579	2,188	10,805	12,993
Sugar	73,691	1,596	75,287	79,719	7,797	87,516
Tea ... ..	.....	22,110	22,110	.....	25,633	25,633
Timber	4,915	396	5,311	2,392	522	2,914
Tobacco, Cigars, &c.	41,238	7,045	48,283	41,113	5,973	47,086
Wool... ..	50,176	.....	50,176	.....	.....	.....
Other Articles	763,508	252,987	1,016,495	279,593	234,824	514,417
Total	£ 1,907,487	£ 405,416	£ 2,312,903	£ 1,750,510	£ 389,931	£ 2,140,441

No. 14.—Staple Produce Exported Oversea each Month.

Month.	Wool.	Wheat and Flour.	Butter.	Gold (coined and uncoined).	Lead and Silver-lead.	Copper.	Coal.
1905.	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
January ...	697,654	154,736	81,868	247,915	95,857	66,097	42,444
February ...	1,179,195	282,986	88,884	160,050	90,625	67,469	51,852
March ...	491,893	142,418	88,142	279,404	84,761	115,539	58,264
April ...	325,317	96,987	21,850	115,753	84,354	74,458	72,693
May ...	166,436	73,369	70,170	117,805	87,102	90,667	57,778
June ...	243,958	36,259	32,344	244,166	113,391	107,144	71,300
July ...	183,590	19,511	52,891	204,135	95,938	82,870	74,131
August ...	203,456	31,833	48,402	130,109	117,016	72,782	72,110
September ...	849,228	37,682	50,671	275,612	119,149	127,638	77,859
October ...	2,038,175	27,197	54,034	163,697	90,870	171,642	79,330
November ...	2,525,296	48,045	99,678	130,001	83,015	126,267	68,291
December ...	2,237,137	84,838	127,670	142,789	81,871	155,807	115,525
1906.							
January ...	1,277,164	154,318	143,293	164,272	112,407	67,070	38,172
February ...	1,558,533	202,931	108,871	418,403	121,759	109,814	74,168
March ...	723,255	183,320	62,172	483,856	119,819	88,368	47,149
April ...	423,683	117,314	71,706	591,341	95,569	105,688	55,237

No. 15.—Shipping.

Year.	Entered.		Cleared.		Tonnage entered.		Tonnage cleared.	
	Vessels.	Tonnage.	Vessels.	Tonnage.	Steam.	Sailing.	Steam.	Sailing.
1895 ...	2,390	2,851,546	2,405	2,854,705	2,132,753	718,793	2,161,176	693,529
1896 ...	2,444	3,005,328	2,464	3,034,957	2,303,531	701,797	2,316,744	718,213
1897 ...	2,563	3,258,461	2,652	3,358,933	2,562,513	695,948	2,618,385	740,548
1898 ...	2,602	3,402,629	2,653	3,400,970	2,736,388	666,241	2,732,516	668,454
1899 ...	2,406	3,399,349	2,523	3,468,485	2,790,046	609,303	2,839,578	628,907
1900 ...	2,784	4,014,755	2,714	3,855,748	3,206,657	808,098	3,140,449	715,299
1901 ...	2,760	4,133,200	2,853	4,274,101	3,460,193	673,007	3,513,265	760,836
1902 ...	2,888	4,367,739	2,835	4,325,480	3,704,268	663,471	3,680,850	644,630
1903 ...	2,953	4,463,648	3,007	4,466,916	3,683,142	780,506	3,649,600	817,316
1904 ...	2,718	4,419,179	2,767	4,460,014	3,769,303	649,876	3,745,584	714,430
1905 ...	2,725	4,697,511	2,694	4,684,108	4,051,884	645,627	4,041,184	642,924
Jan.-Apl., 1906	906	1,641,244	878	1,590,144	1,386,239	255,005	1,401,708	188,436
„ 1905	830	1,450,191	778	1,370,268	1,168,545	281,646	1,136,448	233,820
April, 1906	246	440,861	216	378,090	351,173	89,688	334,269	43,821
„ 1905	200	344,236	201	344,546	274,554	69,682	282,566	61,980

No. 16.—Trade with Principal Countries.

Country.	1885.	1890.	1895.	1900.	1904.	1905.
Imports.						
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Australian States	7,595,806	10,049,648	6,758,140	10,164,080	14,152,101	14,864,911
United Kingdom	11,985,597	8,628,007	6,420,107	9,923,117	7,867,880	8,602,288
Canada ... ..	.....	18,784	61,742	114,321	129,034	73,443
Fiji	192,540	99,853	27,890	60,831	57,314	43,232
Hongkong	340,187	271,730	181,529	67,928	122,130	89,351
India and Ceylon	134,909	239,070	306,932	601,741	613,304	717,948
New Zealand	899,623	932,073	563,528	1,348,605	862,455	1,369,001
South Africa	290	55	34	1,013	3,944	5,254
Straits Settlements	40,913	27,148	14,074	40,391	46,366	82,830
Other British Possessions ...	109,850	6,685	18,820	118,929	77,839	67,167
Total, British Countries..	21,299,715	20,273,053	14,352,796	22,440,956	23,932,387	25,915,425
Belgium	195,318	130,819	150,288	147,661	279,861	222,994
China	303,595	241,840	133,870	190,456	15,290	28,631
France	345,231	117,871	76,663	270,084	93,043	138,028
Germany	372,557	639,475	425,697	1,105,664	819,267	864,289
Italy	1,311	23,961	39,593	92,732	76,945	73,757
Japan	1,242	22,040	28,179	122,041	182,912	145,257
New Caledonia	82,181	83,920	28,315	28,509	28,627	18,399
Philippine Islands	715	4,414	15,211	49,240	21,523	27,854
South Sea Islands	36,929	40,214	54,436	107,488	75,542	103,142
United States	1,008,572	859,102	624,268	2,557,961	1,579,345	1,630,069
Other Foreign Countries ...	90,095	178,295	63,099	448,279	181,206	176,189
Total, Foreign Countries	2,437,746	2,341,951	1,639,619	5,120,115	3,353,571	3,434,609
Total, All Countries ...	23,737,461	22,615,004	15,992,415	27,561,071	27,285,958	29,350,034
Exports.						
Australian States	6,567,084	10,990,593	7,104,812	9,979,190	9,918,050	12,262,836
United Kingdom	7,293,133	6,623,431	9,371,418	8,273,272	10,148,436	10,222,422
Canada ... ..	.....	10	16,804	66,403	25,557	41,459
Fiji	128,643	98,951	86,420	183,579	225,631	245,152
Hongkong	246,032	255,050	141,976	218,986	343,275	424,443
India and Ceylon	130,597	257,360	56,462	174,296	1,963,471	1,330,373
New Zealand	379,055	294,138	486,173	826,662	925,025	934,661
South Africa ... ..	.....	1,014	3,266	755,487	229,733	371,598
Straits Settlements	29,190	34,347	24,507	39,898	103,880	70,991
Other British Possessions ...	30,318	27,469	31,268	49,586	91,713	89,992
Total, British Countries..	14,794,052	18,582,363	17,323,106	20,567,359	23,974,777	25,993,927
Belgium	399,549	1,011,846	780,826	620,349	1,223,091	1,787,163
China	21,114	1,037	7,943	68,004	285,959	318,159
France	142,104	233,924	1,436,122	1,024,300	2,105,829	3,570,246
Germany	29,511	404,280	1,141,661	844,504	2,271,025	2,771,396
Italy	1,769	24,498	63,509	61,132	112,012	176,770
Japan	2,758	7,156	54,242	133,989	350,770	377,451
New Caledonia	153,094	193,396	71,344	179,761	141,938	135,446
Philippine Islands ... ..	.....	16,410	18,603	88,043	145,730	183,853
South Sea Islands	68,854	45,290	68,713	126,834	116,036	141,381
United States	985,531	1,300,375	683,606	3,981,242	1,763,060	602,145
Other Foreign Countries ...	151,771	225,362	285,110	468,999	517,608	698,429
Total, Foreign Countries	1,956,055	3,463,574	4,611,679	7,597,157	9,033,058	10,762,439
Total, All Countries ...	16,750,107	22,045,937	21,934,785	28,164,516	33,007,835	36,756,366

No. 17.—Banks of Issue—Liabilities. (Thirteen Banks.)

NOTE.—Liabilities to Shareholders are not included.

Quarter ended 31st December.	Notes in Circulation.	Bills in Circulation.	Deposits.			Balances due to other Banks.	Total Liabilities.
			Not bearing Interest.	Bearing Interest.	Total.		
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1895	1,223,864	117,327	10,222,437	20,406,822	30,629,259	66,602	32,037,052
1896	1,237,971	111,889	10,707,611	19,128,305	29,835,916	69,000	31,254,776
1897	1,227,964	112,113	10,582,621	19,024,114	29,606,735	79,711	31,026,523
1898	1,278,910	125,414	10,812,215	19,040,496	29,852,711	54,228	31,311,293
1899	1,340,557	202,468	11,779,918	19,648,107	31,428,025	84,009	33,055,059
1900	1,447,941	209,905	12,224,510	20,009,081	32,233,591	78,594	33,969,731
1901	1,499,937	218,943	12,841,599	20,416,857	33,258,456	100,496	35,077,832
1902	1,454,415	208,521	12,587,097	20,472,785	33,059,882	207,610	34,930,428
1903	1,378,642	228,059	12,591,637	19,986,224	32,577,861	65,979	34,250,541
1904	1,345,934	196,995	12,642,715	20,638,560	33,281,275	77,028	34,901,232
1905	1,439,335	218,555	14,859,427	22,211,628	37,071,055	140,118	38,860,063
31 March, 1906 ..	1,446,195	252,569	16,076,815	22,826,225	38,903,040	223,744	40,825,548
31 March, 1905 ...	1,354,663	241,245	14,448,265	21,098,268	35,546,533	88,470	37,227,911

No. 18.—Banks of Issue—Assets. (Thirteen Banks.)

Quarter ended 31st December.	Coin.	Bullion.	Landed Property.	Notes and Bills discounted, and all other debts due to the Banks.	Notes and Bills of other Banks.	Balances due from other Banks.	Total Assets.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1895	7,364,659	151,619	1,919,017	35,707,153	222,731	257,150	45,622,329
1896	6,760,851	187,845	1,914,483	35,116,696	223,487	324,466	44,527,828
1897	5,766,554	175,037	1,816,691	35,697,494	227,427	297,519	43,980,722
1898	5,564,870	200,310	1,812,804	34,403,700	256,997	399,543	42,638,224
1899	5,865,622	217,136	1,819,359	33,688,862	287,030	316,652	42,194,661
1900	5,933,076	193,050	1,874,099	34,385,388	246,998	403,816	43,036,427
1901	5,814,180	171,545	1,744,664	35,068,787	259,202	379,181	43,437,559
1902	6,329,551	223,172	1,789,902	34,654,744	287,025	346,097	43,030,491
1903	5,824,539	226,307	1,804,956	34,686,452	304,418	318,904	43,165,576
1904	6,175,911	276,446	1,808,266	32,798,708	283,002	264,615	41,606,948
1905	8,624,083	199,177	1,799,232	32,447,658	326,750	297,237	43,694,137
31 March, 1906 ...	8,636,994	191,131	1,822,947	31,604,708	314,746	381,305	42,951,831
31 March, 1905 ...	6,798,046	260,062	1,804,424	31,981,265	260,812	293,717	41,398,326

No. 19.—Banks' Exchange Settlements, Sydney.

Year.				Amount.	Year.				Amount.
				£					£
1895 ... ..	...	...	...	109,265,984	1901 ... ..	...	...	...	167,676,706
1896 ... ..	...	...	...	116,962,784	1902 ... ..	...	...	...	178,637,708
1897 ... ..	...	...	...	121,645,824	1903 ... ..	...	...	...	180,961,406
1898 ... ..	...	...	...	126,978,018	1904 ... ..	...	...	...	177,797,334
1899 ... ..	...	...	...	146,188,144	1905 ... ..	...	...	...	189,826,381
1900 ... ..	...	...	...	144,080,313					
Total, 1st January to 30th April, 1906				...	...	...	...	...	£69,535,926
,, 1st ,, 1st May, 1905				...	...	...	...	...	£58,954,059

No. 20.—Savings Banks.

Year.	Number of Depositors.	Value of Deposits.	Increase in Deposits during Year.	Amount Deposited.	
				Per Depositor.	Per Inhabitant.
	No.	£	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1895	202,802	8,073,575	856,575	39 16 2	6 7 11
1896	213,608	8,522,623	449,048	39 18 0	6 13 3
1897	227,629	9,136,793	614,170	40 2 9	7 0 5
1898	242,365	9,480,944	344,151	39 2 4	7 3 4
1899	260,825	10,069,434	588,490	38 12 1	7 9 10
1900	282,643	10,901,382	831,948	38 11 5	7 19 9
1901	306,311	11,808,710	607,328	38 11 0	8 11 2
1902	323,212	12,425,464	616,754	38 8 10	8 16 7
1903	331,956	12,344,623	(—) 80,841	37 3 9	8 12 5
1904	339,602	12,743,735	399,112	37 10 6	8 15 2
1905	355,714	13,498,252	754,517	37 18 11	9 1 6

(—) Denotes decrease.

No. 21.—Life Assurance.—Business in force (exclusive of Industrial).

NOTE.—This Table refers to all offices doing business in New South Wales.

Year.	Number of Policies.	Assurances.			Annual Premium Income.
		Sums Assured (exclusive of Bonuses).	Bonus Additions.	Total.	
		£	£	£	£
1895	270,673	79,085,735	9,259,337	88,345,072	2,675,331
1896	280,113	80,587,515	9,475,207	90,062,722	2,714,808
1897	290,112	82,216,900	9,721,036	91,937,936	2,769,612
1898	306,916	85,630,767	11,093,343	96,724,110	2,903,218
1899	327,618	89,996,612	10,533,800	100,530,412	3,037,142
1900	349,485	93,888,153	11,190,189	105,078,342	3,168,898
1901	372,823	98,168,271	11,510,243	109,678,514	3,327,803
1902	392,369	102,006,915	11,507,608	113,514,523	3,467,718
1903	418,745	107,786,226	12,585,828	120,372,054	3,677,680
1904	440,005	112,357,451	13,418,599	125,776,050	3,845,577

No. 22.—Life Assurance.—Assets and Liabilities.

NOTE.—This table refers only to Australasian offices doing business in New South Wales.

Year.	Assets.			Liabilities.		
	Loans on Mortgages and Policies.	Government and Municipal Securities, Freehold Property, Cash on Deposit, &c.	Total.	Assurance, Endowment, and Annuity Funds.	Paid-up Capital, Reserve Funds, &c.	Total.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
1895	15,600,229	5,896,830	21,497,059	20,475,205	1,021,854	21,497,059
1896	16,597,379	5,736,667	22,334,046	21,399,835	934,211	22,334,046
1897	17,360,627	6,036,232	23,396,859	22,537,196	859,663	23,396,859
1898	17,038,041	7,484,151	24,522,192	23,654,709	867,483	24,522,192
1899	18,272,621	7,777,844	26,050,465	25,130,924	919,541	26,050,465
1900	19,013,579	8,457,644	27,471,223	26,491,025	980,198	27,471,223
1901	19,048,449	9,891,691	28,940,140	27,932,313	1,007,827	28,940,140
1902	19,680,288	10,910,198	30,590,486	29,518,852	1,071,634	30,590,486
1903	20,599,387	11,609,060	32,208,447	31,160,834	1,047,613	32,208,447
1904	21,739,875	12,501,434	34,241,309	33,264,382	976,927	34,241,309

No. 23.—Area under Crop.

Year ended 31st March.			Wheat.	Maize.	Oats.	Sugar-cane (area cut).	Hay.	Vines. Wine-making.	All Crops.
			acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.
1896	...	...	596,684	211,104	23,750	14,398	319,296	4,390	1,348,600
1897	...	...	866,112	211,382	39,530	18,194	327,209	4,608	1,659,717
1898	...	...	993,350	209,588	28,605	12,936	401,073	4,490	1,821,829
1899	...	...	1,319,503	193,286	19,874	14,578	461,784	4,573	2,204,500
1900	...	...	1,426,166	214,697	29,125	9,435	554,048	4,602	2,439,639
1901	...	...	1,530,609	206,051	29,383	10,472	466,236	4,534	2,445,564
1902	...	...	1,392,070	167,333	32,245	8,790	442,163	4,889	2,276,528
1903	...	...	1,279,760	202,437	42,992	8,899	491,918	5,041	2,245,839
1904	...	...	1,561,111	226,834	51,621	10,405	496,017	5,101	2,542,919
1905	...	...	1,775,955	193,614	40,471	9,772	435,704	5,928	2,672,973
1906	...	...	1,938,431	190,057	38,544	9,523	438,036	5,311	2,838,611

No. 24.—Production of Crops.

Year ended 31st March.			Wheat.	Maize.	Oats.	Sugar-cane.	Hay.	Wine.	Total value of Agricultural Production.
			bushels.	bushels.	bushels.	tons.	tons.	gallons.	£
1896	...	...	5,195,312	5,687,030	374,196	207,771	229,671	885,673	4,100,709
1897	...	...	8,853,445	5,754,217	834,633	320,276	334,902	794,256	5,373,614
1898	...	...	10,560,111	6,713,060	543,946	269,068	405,353	864,514	6,249,677
1899	...	...	9,276,216	6,064,842	278,007	289,206	334,297	845,232	4,874,696
1900	...	...	13,604,166	5,976,022	627,904	170,509	546,850	739,668	5,609,437
1901	...	...	16,173,771	6,292,745	593,548	199,118	526,260	891,190	5,855,674
1902	...	...	14,808,705	3,844,993	687,179	187,711	472,621	868,479	7,060,203
1903	...	...	1,585,097	3,049,269	351,758	183,105	243,379	806,140	4,138,627
1904	...	...	27,334,141	6,836,740	1,252,156	227,511	816,810	1,086,820	8,358,924
1905	...	...	16,464,415	4,985,132	652,646	199,640	366,293	928,160	5,413,710
1906	...	...	20,930,232	5,723,000*	883,081	191,577	458,735††

* Estimated.

† Not yet available.

No. 25.—Average Yield per acre of Crops.

Year ended 31st March.			Wheat.	Maize.	Oats.	Sugar-cane.	Hay.	Wine.	Value per acre.
			bushels.	bushels.	bushels.	tons.	tons.	gallons.	£ s. d.
1896	...	...	8·7	27·0	15·8	14·4	0·7	202	3 0 10
1897	...	...	10·2	27·2	21·1	17·6	1·0	172	3 4 9
1898	...	...	10·6	32·0	19·0	20·8	1·0	193	3 8 7
1899	...	...	7·0	31·4	14·0	19·8	0·7	185	2 4 3
1900	...	...	9·5	27·8	21·6	18·1	1·0	160	2 6 0
1901	...	...	10·6	30·5	20·2	19·0	1·1	197	2 8 0
1902	...	...	10·6	22·9	21·3	21·4	1·1	178	3 2 0
1903	...	...	1·2	15·1	8·2	20·9	0·5	160	1 16 10
1904	...	...	17·5	30·1	24·3	21·9	1·6	213	3 5 9
1905	...	...	9·3	25·6	16·1	20·4	0·8	175	2 0 6
1906	...	...	10·8	30·1	22·9	20·1	1·0	.....	.....

No. 26.—Live Stock.

Year ended 31st December.	Horses.	Cattle.		Sheep.	Pigs.
		Dairy Cows.	All other.		
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1895	499,943	358,411	1,791,646	47,617,687	223,597
1896	510,636	400,183	1,825,980	48,318,790	214,581
1897	498,034	409,098	1,673,598	43,952,897	207,738
1898	491,553	416,053	1,613,463	41,241,004	247,061
1899	482,200	399,327	1,567,754	36,213,514	239,973
1900	481,417	420,148	1,562,968	40,020,506	256,577
1901	486,716	417,835	1,629,619	41,857,099	265,730
1902	450,125	351,287	1,389,939	26,649,424	193,097
1903	458,014	*523,438	1,357,140	28,656,501	221,592
1904	482,663	*591,936	1,557,193	34,526,894	330,666
1905	506,835	*644,148	1,693,799	39,494,207	310,662

* Prior to 1903 the figures include only the cows actually in milk at the time the returns were taken. The 1903 figures include 117,679 cows dry at the time, and 43,330 heifers within three months of calving. The figures for 1904 are 131,595 and 35,405 respectively, and for 1905, 154,649 and 46,559 respectively.

No. 27.—Production—Pastoral and Dairying.

Year.	Wool (as in the grease).	Tallow.	Butter.	Cheese.	Bacon and Hams.
	lb.	cwt.	lb.	lb.	lb.
1895	343,040,000	1,077,215	23,295,512	2,938,785	5,250,717
1896	320,267,000	570,983	25,874,277	4,019,844	5,303,763
1897	303,315,000	656,973	29,409,966	3,937,168	6,544,781
1898	292,165,000	466,102	31,483,601	3,245,312	7,184,058
1899	254,833,000	389,838	33,033,881	2,385,987	6,831,943
1900	237,660,000	444,429	41,479,794	3,558,823	10,863,125
1901	310,075,000	450,713	39,056,878	3,838,835	11,080,891
1902	217,411,000	251,188	29,950,977	4,148,038	8,995,856
1903	227,004,000	235,198	38,727,107	4,748,176	7,864,771
1904	249,140,000	356,800	53,591,243	4,223,621	10,680,532

No. 28.—Price Levels.

The index numbers are calculated on the f.o.b. prices, Sydney, based on London prices of principal articles of domestic produce exported. The average prices of 1901 are adopted as basis and called 1,000.

Period.	General Index— all articles.	Index of Pastoral Products—Wool, Tallow, Hides, Leather, &c.	Index of Metals—Silver, Lead, Copper, Tin.
1901—average of year	1,000	1,000	1,000
1902 " "	1,065	1,096	935
1903 " "	1,065	1,125	992
1904 " "	1,071	1,112	1,011
1905 " "	1,150	1,192	1,149
April, 1902	1,030	1,070	960
" 1903	1,110	1,171	1,036
" 1904	1,031	1,067	1,006
" 1905	1,098	1,142	1,070
December, 1905	1,239	1,246	1,351
January, 1906	1,234	1,271	1,350
February, 1906	1,243	1,310	1,328
March, 1906	1,256	1,335	1,353
April, 1906	1,262	1,324	1,393

No. 29.—Average Prices in London of New South Wales Produce—Monthly.

Month.	Wheat.	Flour.	Butter.		Wool.		Tallow.
			Top.	Bottom.	Greasy.	Scoured.	
	per qr. s. d.	per ton. £ s. d.	per cwt. s.	per cwt. s.	per lb. d.	per lb. s. d.	per cwt. s. d.
April, 1905 ..	31 9	8 19 0	102	95	10	1 6	25 6
May, " ...	31 6	8 11 0	95	87	10½	1 7	25 6
June, " ...	31 6	8 5 0	95	87	10½	1 7	26 0
July, " ...	30 9	8 10 0	100	96	11	1 7	26 6
August, " ...	32 3	8 6 0	108	104	11	1 8	27 0
September, " ...	33 3	8 4 0	110	104	11¼	1 8	27 6
October, " ...	33 9	8 7 0	114	106	11½	1 9	27 6
November, " ...	33 6	8 11 0	113	108	12	1 10	27 6
December, " ...	33 0	8 12 0	115	110	11¼	1 8	27 6
January, 1906 ...	32 3	8 7 0	116	108	11½	1 9	27 6
February, " ...	31 6	8 5 0	106	101	11¾	1 9	28 0
March, " ...	31 3	8 5 0	104	94	12¼	1 9½	28 0
April, " ...	31 6	8 1 0	95	90	12¼	1 9½	28 0

No. 30.—Average Wholesale Prices in Sydney of N.S.W. Agricultural and Dairy Produce—Monthly.

Month.	Wheat (Milling).	Flour.	Bran.	Pollard.	Oats.	Maize.
	per bushel. s. d.	per ton. £ s. d.	per bushel. d.	per bushel. d.	per bushel. s. d.	per bushel. s. d.
April, 1905 ...	3 2¼	7 16 3	9	12	2 4	2 5½
May, " ...	3 2½	7 8 6	9¾	13	2 5¼	2 6
June, " ...	3 4	7 9 6	10	11	2 7	2 5½
July, " ...	3 4	7 17 6	9¼	10¾	2 8	2 8½
August, " ...	3 5½	7 17 6	9¾	10½	2 8	3 5¼
September, " ...	3 6½	7 19 0	10½	12¼	2 10¼	3 10
October, " ...	3 6¾	8 0 0	11	13½	2 9¾	4 2½
November, " ...	3 7¾	8 2 6	11¾	17¼	2 11¾	5 0½
December, " ...	3 8	8 2 6	10¾	12¼	2 11	4 5
January, 1906 ...	3 2½	7 15 0	9½	11¾	2 10½	4 2
February, " ...	3 1¾	7 9 9	10¾	11	2 8¾	3 11¼
March, " ...	3 2¼	7 7 9	9¾	9¾	2 7¾	3 11½
April, " ...	3 4	7 6 9	10½	10½	2 10¼	2 9

	Hay (Oaten).	Butter (Best Brands).	Cheese (Loaf).	Bacon (Sides).	Lard (Bulk).	Eggs.
	per ton. £ s. d.	per lb. d.	per lb. d.	per lb. d.	per lb. d.	per doz. d.
April, 1905 ...	3 11 9	10¼	6¾	6¾	3¾	14¼
May, " ...	3 5 0	9¼	7¾	6¾	3¾	16½
June, " ...	3 17 0	9¾	7¾	5½	3¾	15¾
July, " ...	2 17 6	10½	7¾	5½	4¾	10¼
August, " ...	2 18 3	11¼	6¾	5½	4½	7¾
September, " ...	3 4 10	11¾	6¾	5¼	4¾	6¾
October, " ...	3 11 3	11¾	7¾	6	4¾	6¾
November, " ...	3 7 6	10½	6	6	4¾	7¾
December, " ...	3 3 0	10½	5¾	6¾	5	9¾
January, 1906 ...	4 1 6	11¼	5½	6½	5¾	8¾
February, " ...	3 4 6	10¾	5¾	7½	5¾	11
March, " ...	3 11 8	10½	5¾	7¼	5¾	12¾
April, " ...	3 7 0	9¾	5¾	6¾	5¾	14½

No. 31.—Gold produced, Jan. to April, and Minerals exported, Jan. to March.

Gold yield during the first four months, 1905 and 1906.

	1905.		1906.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
	oz. fine.	£	oz. fine.	£
January to March	69,906	296,945	77,336	328,505
April	6,882	29,231	25,386	107,831
Total for four months	76,788	326,176	102,722	436,336

Exports of Minerals during the first quarter, 1905 and 1906.

Exports.	First quarter, 1905.		First quarter, 1906.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
		£		£
Silver ingots and matte oz.	149,366	17,038	141,607	17,629
Silver-lead, concentrates, &c. ... tons	101,690	536,820	113,865	578,005
Copper ingots, and ore* "	1,636	102,019	2,309	166,583
Tin ingots, and ore* "	563	67,358	616	85,118
Coal—				
To Australasian Ports "	383,920	151,474	443,983	170,239
„ other Ports "	292,180	126,868	440,463	184,673
Total Export of Coal }	676,100	278,342	884,446	354,912
Grand Total ... ..	.....	£1,001,577	.....	£1,202,247

*The exports of tin and copper include metal refined from ores imported from other States and treated here. The quantity and value of the copper and tin ore imported during the first quarter of the years 1905 and 1906 are as follow:—

	First Quarter, 1905.		First Quarter, 1906.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
	tons.	£	tons.	£
Copper	942	9,728	605	7,642
Tin	557	43,541	510	46,347

The silver and coal exports represent the product of the mines of this State.

No. 32.—Quantity and Value of Minerals produced, 1904 and 1905.

Minerals.	1904.		1905.		Increase in Value.	Decrease in Value.
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.		
Metallic—		£		£	£	£
Gold oz. fine	269,817	1,146,109	274,267	1,165,013	18,904	.....
Silver "	1,121,402	123,256	417,520	52,196	.....	71,060
Silver—lead and ore ... ton	397,220	1,942,284	441,447	2,441,856	499,572	.....
Lead—pig, &c.... .. "	5,883	65,964	210	2,657	.....	63,307
Zinc spelter & concentrates ..	57,603	117,978	103,532	221,155	103,177	.....
Tin ingots and ore "	1,700	188,377	1,519	173,806	.....	14,571
Copper ingots and ore... .. "	8,932	406,001	8,257	511,754	105,753	.....
Antimony and ore "	109	503	388	5,221	4,718	.....
Bismuth "	40	12,329	55	20,763	8,434	.....
Wolfram "	89	8,432	86	7,361	.....	1,071
Scheelite "	16	1,406	138	10,122	8,716	.....
Molybdenite "	25	2,726	19	2,507	.....	219
Platinum oz.	535	1,070	398	825	.....	245
Non-metallic—						
Coal ton	6,019,809	1,994,952	6,632,138	2,003,461	8,509	.....
Coke "	171,006	110,692	162,961	100,306	.....	10,386
Kerosene shale "	37,871	26,770	38,226	21,247	.....	5,523
Alunite "	370	925	2,702	6,750	5,825	.....
Limestone flux... .. "	24,975	14,434	14,941	9,519	.....	4,915
Ironstone flux "	8,661	6,628	6,801	4,525	.....	2,103
Marble ... .. "	.....	1,600	.....	2,420	820	.....
Diamonds carat	14,296	11,620	6,354	3,745	.....	7,875
Opal ... .. "	.....	57,000	.....	59,000	2,000	.....
Sundry minerals ... ..	.....	2,204	.....	2,919	715	.....
Total ... .. £	.....	6,243,260	.....	6,829,128	585,868	Net increase

NOTE.—The above table does not include iron made from scrap valued at £80,504 in 1904 and £85,693 in 1905, nor lime and Portland cement valued at £68,000 and £103,119, respectively, in 1904 and 1905. These items are accounted for in the manufacturing returns.

No. 33.—Value of Minerals Produced.

Year.	Gold.	Silver, Silver-lead, and Ore.	Copper.	Tin.	Coal.
	£	£	£	£	£
1895	1,315,929	1,642,671	136,969	87,937	1,095,327
1896	1,073,360	1,785,451	197,814	68,546	1,125,281
1897	1,104,315	1,698,239	283,174	49,900	1,230,041
1898	1,201,743	1,704,055	272,686	45,638	1,271,833
1899	1,623,320	2,070,657	395,451	90,482	1,325,799
1900	1,070,920	2,604,117	425,301	142,724	1,668,911
1901	737,164	1,854,463	412,292	76,544	2,178,929
1902	684,970	1,440,179	307,806	59,593	2,206,598
1903	1,080,029	1,501,403	446,286	155,723	2,319,660
1904	1,146,109	2,065,540	406,001	188,377	1,994,952
1905	1,165,013	2,494,052	511,754	173,806	2,003,461

No. 34.—Manufactories.

Year ended 31st December.	Number of Establish- ments.	Hands Employed.			Value of Plant and Machinery.	Total Wages Paid.	Value of Output.
		Males.	Females.	Total.			
		No.	No.	No.	£	£	£
1895	2,723	41,546	6,484	48,030	5,255,129	Not available.	
1896	2,928	42,908	6,932	49,840	5,035,905	"	
1897	2,826	44,333	7,106	51,439	5,294,228	"	
1898	2,839	44,673	7,845	52,518	5,435,696	"	
1899	2,912	47,063	8,583	55,646	5,640,384	"	
1900	3,077	50,516	10,263	60,779	5,707,640	4,074,216	Not available.
1901	3,367	54,556	11,674	66,230	5,860,725	4,945,079	24,393,471
1902	3,396	54,326	11,943	66,269	6,795,843	5,080,740	Not available.
1903	3,476	52,453	13,180	65,633	7,009,806	4,839,557	26,391,028
1904	3,632	53,457	14,579	68,036	7,536,903	5,012,758	27,159,230

No. 35.—Railways.

Year ended 30th June.	Miles open for traffic.	Capital expended on lines open.	Net earnings.	Train miles run.	Net earnings per train mile.	Passengers carried.
	No.	£	£	No.	s. d.	No.
1895	2,531	36,611,366	1,310,615	7,594,281	3 5½	19,725,418
1896	2,531	36,852,194	1,268,529	7,719,618	3 3½	21,005,048
1897	2,640	37,369,205	1,413,524	8,130,405	3 5½	22,672,924
1898	2,691	37,719,402	1,412,143	8,340,338	3 4½	23,233,206
1899	2,707	37,992,276	1,454,831	8,806,647	3 3¾	24,726,067
1900	2,811	38,477,269	1,394,052	8,894,352	3 1½	26,486,873
1901	2,846	38,932,781	1,530,578	10,763,697	2 10½	29,261,324
1902	3,026	40,505,073	1,401,317	11,649,059	2 4½	30,885,214
1903	3,139	41,654,977	1,048,594	11,548,338	1 9¾	32,384,138
1904	3,281	42,288,517	1,177,473	10,400,503	2 3¼	33,792,689
1905	3,281	43,062,550	1,491,869	10,467,886	2 10¼	35,158,150
* 1905-6	3,371	43,337,367	1,471,129	9,021,309	3 3	27,705,926
† March, 1906	3,371	43,337,367	528,107	3,073,123	3 5¼	9,412,177
† March, 1905	3,281	42,288,517	428,096	2,661,405	3 2¼	8,685,034

* Nine months ended 31st March, 1906.

† Quarter ended 31st March.

No. 36.—Postal Communication.

Year.	Post Offices open.	Letters carried.	Post cards and letter cards carried.	Newspapers carried.	Packets, books, and parcels carried.	Miles of telegraph wire.	Telegrams transmitted.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1895	1,972	68,079,018	1,294,690	44,902,900	11,682,072	12,316	2,635,456
1896	2,006	68,845,675	1,406,560	45,558,340	16,109,750	12,418	2,796,776
1897	2,046	72,490,144	1,534,710	42,426,394	13,258,207	12,778	2,728,360
1898	2,098	75,119,595	1,862,100	42,570,850	17,093,767	13,242	2,866,570
1899	2,152	74,686,138	2,040,610	46,806,560	14,641,064	13,663	3,112,063
1900	2,189	77,361,604	2,241,090	51,500,920	14,558,454	14,065	3,219,907
1901	2,208	80,301,717	2,481,750	52,317,650	15,216,387	14,272	3,449,315
1902	2,216	88,077,145	2,704,250	47,763,350	16,995,440	14,356	3,627,369
1903	2,228	89,156,941	3,081,270	37,900,810	16,305,421	14,395	3,638,591
1904	2,239	93,752,099	4,518,088	40,384,812	19,485,389	14,491	3,637,280

No. 37.—Meteorology.

District.	April, 1906.					April— (Mean 1896-1905.)			Mean annual— All previous years.	
	Temperature.			Rain- fall.	Number of days Rain.	Mean Temper- ature.	Rain- fall.	Number of days Rain.	Temper- ature.	Rain- fall.
	Mean.	Mean Max.	Mean Min.							
	deg. (Fahr.)	deg. (Fahr.)	deg. (Fahr.)	inches.		deg. (Fahr.)	inches.		deg. (Fahr.)	inches.
North Coast—										
Grafton	71·2	84·7	57·6	1·32	5	69·7	3·31	7	68·4	38·91
Hunter and Manning—										
Singleton	65·9	76·6	55·1	0·93	2	62·9	2·55	6	64·4	30·15
Cumberland—										
Sydney	67·7	75·8	59·6	0·93	6	64·8	4·83	12	62·8	49·05
South Coast—										
Bega	61·7	73·4	49·9	0·55	3	60·1	1·54	5	59·8	32·49
Northern Tableland—										
Armidale	55·4	70·2	40·5	0·51	3	57·1	1·89	7	56·4	31·87
Central Tableland—										
Bathurst	63·7	79·7	47·7	0·50	2	57·9	1·99	6	57·2	23·96
Southern Tableland—										
Goulburn	58·0	67·5	48·5	1·36	4	56·4	1·43	8	56·4	25·91
North-western Slope—										
Gunnedah	68·2	82·5	53·9	0·71	2	66·1	1·79	4	66·2	24·93
Central-western Slope—										
Dubbo	66·0	82·3	49·7	0·41	2	65·3	2·11	5	63·5	22·36
South-western Slope—										
Wagga	63·7	78·6	48·7	2·07	6	63·2	1·53	6	61·5	21·71
North-western Plain—										
Moree	69·1	86·0	52·1	0·35	2	69·3	1·13	3	68·8	23·29
Central-western Plain—										
Coonamble	68·1	83·4	52·7	1·77	3	66·8	1·76	4	65·8	20·12
Riverina—										
Deniliquin	67·1	75·4	58·7	0·08	1	62·9	1·44	5	61·9	16·35